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11/14 at 7:30 pm • Organ Recital Hall, UCA

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Directed by CSU Faculty Laura Jones

11/15, 16, 17, 23, 24, 29, 30 & 12/1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15 at 7:30 pm

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## SYMPHONIC BAND CONCERT

DR. RICHARD FREY, CONDUCTOR

MURRAY OLIVER, TROMBONE

*Scarecrow Overture (2010)*

Joseph Turrin  
(b. 1947)

*Illuminations (2010)*

Murray Oliver, *trombone*

Joseph Turrin  
(b. 1947)

SHORT INTERMISSION

*Suite Dreams (2007)*

Steven Bryant  
(b. 1972)

*Fantasies on a Theme of Haydn (1968)*

Norman Dello Joio  
(1913-2008)

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

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PROGRAM NOTES

This evening’s program was conceived around the first work on the second half, Steven Bryant’s *Suite Dreams*, a work where Mr. Bryant creates a sort of fantasia by distorting the music from Holst’s *First Suite in E-flat*. These distortions are at times dissonant or confusing, and at times are sublimely beautiful. It is this quality of distortion that ties each of these four works together, as each explores this notion from a different perspective.

The opening *Scarecrow Overture* comes from Joseph Turrin’s 2004 chamber opera, *The Scarecrow*. The story is taken from Nathaniel Hawthorne’s 1852 short story, “Feathertop,” which tells of a scarecrow constructed by a witch in seven-teenth century New England. The witch brings the scarecrow to life and causes him to look like a real man. He eventually falls in love with the beautiful Polly, but when they both gaze into an enchanted mirror, they see the scarecrow for what he truly is. Polly faints and the scarecrow runs back to the witch, finally collapsing into a lifeless heap. The witch then declares:

“*There are thousands upon thousands of coxcombs and charlatans in the world, made up of just such a jumble of wornout, forgotten, and good-for-nothing trash as he was! Yet they live in fair repute, and never see themselves for what they are.*”

The sense of distortion comes from the characters and plot of the opera, and is not directly reflected in Turrin’s score. The first half then concludes with *Illuminations* for solo trombone and wind ensemble, also by Joseph Turrin. The composer writes about the concerto that, the title, *Illuminations* is derived from the opening bell tones, which have a quality of sparkling brightness . . . Brilliant, radiant, bright and luminous are some of the words that describe [the concerto’s] inner workings. There is a shiny hard surface to the work which seems to reflect light in all directions.” Throughout the concerto, Turrin repeats musical ideas with subtle variations. For instance, accompanying figures shift from bassoons to low saxophones to low clarinets to various combinations of the three. Through this ever-shifting quality, Turrin creates the sense of three-dimensional music that changes slightly depending on which way you look at it.

The second half of the program pairs two very different works that both turn to earlier composers for their source material. As mentioned above, Steven Bryant’s *Suite Dreams* takes Holst’s *First Suite in E-flat* as its basis. Mr. Bryant uses nearly every compositional trick available to dissect the famous opening “chaconne” theme from the *Holst Suite*, reworking its harmonies, morphing its rhythmic profile, and transforming the timbres of the wind ensemble. Through these means, Mr. Bryant has created not only an homage to one of the great wind band works, but in so doing has changed the way we listen to the original as well.

Norman Dello Joio also used an existing musical work to create his *Fantasties* on a Theme of Haydn. Dello Joio initially fragments Haydn’s theme, reducing it to a two-note figure with occasional bits of the theme emerging from the upper woodwinds. Eventually the complete theme is stated by the piccolo, flute, bassoon, and bass clarinet, and is then further developed through the course of three fantasies. As the composer notes, “The subtly conceived theme, I concluded, offered an opportunity to fantasize in the musical language of today. The three movements are a constantly varied examination of Haydn’s basic idea.” Dello Joio created a work imbued with Haydn’s spirit, viewed through the lens of contemporary harmony and musical language.

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A native of Scotland, **G. Murray Oliver** received his degrees from the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, England and the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y. Murray has studied trombone with Chris Houlding, Rob Burtenshaw, Rob Holliday, Mark Kellogg and Ralph Sauer and conducting with Clark Rundell, Baldur Bronnemann, Donald Hunsberger, Brad Lubman and Christopher Seaman.



Murray has performed with diverse performing organizations ranging from principal positions held with Lakeland Opera and the Missouri Symphony Orchestra to appearances with Opera Fort Collins, Cheyenne Symphony, Art Garfunkel, Martha Reeves, Ed Thigpen and The Shangri-Las. As a chamber musician, Murray has appeared with the Missouri Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet, Alarm Will Sound and the Odyssey Chamber Players. Murray has appeared in concert and as a recitalist throughout the U.K., France, Belgium, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Holland and much of the U.S.

Murray is currently Instructor of Music at Colorado State University where his duties include teaching music appreciation and serving as undergraduate advisor. He has previously taught on the faculty of the University of Missouri-Columbia where his duties included teaching trombone, euphonium, and conducting the opera program.



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Conducted by Dr. Richard Frey

Flute

Leanne Lauffer  
Alex Crowley  
Amber Hodges  
Amanda Sciarabba  
Christiana Falvo  
Stephanie Pack

Oboe

Sam Carr  
Beth Lunsford  
Ellen Singel

Clarinet

Tom Wilson  
Allison Allum  
Aleaha Harkins  
Rachel Rice  
Sean O'Connor  
Anna Bowes  
Alyssa Whitney  
Sarah Lewis  
Megumi Kajigawa  
Asa Graf

Bassoon

Mark Thompson  
Lora Bird  
Julia Murphy  
Earl Sundland

Saxophone

Katelyn Vincent  
Jerod Parker  
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Haleigh Silz  
Matt Banks  
Jared Stock  
Eric Shrumm

Horn

AJ Williams  
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Gregory Marxen  
Deanna Sinclair  
Alec Walsh  
Christie Bass

Trumpet

Mackenzie Sutphin  
Bethany Bohnenblust  
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Allison Genis  
Anna Barthel  
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Steven Braun  
Josh Garcia  
Tim Johnson

Trombone

Alex Buehler  
Alyssa Watts  
Andrew Deem  
Mikaela Neale  
Eli Johnson  
David Hanson  
Nathan Oden

Euphonium

Wesley Turner

Tuba

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